

Homework answers -common bridge positions/plays.

- 1)Correct play : *Play the Ace sp. lead the 4sp to the Q.*
- 2)Correct play : *Lead a small diamond to get to dummy.
Lead the 2 sp to the Q sp. When possible...
Go to dummy with another diamond.
Lead the 3 sp to the K.*
- 3)Correct play : *Lead a small spade to the queen , (a finesse).
Lead the Ace sp to the 3sp.
Lead the 4 sp to the J.*
- 4)Correct play : *Lead the Q sp towards the A954.
If the Q sp wins , then lead the J sp; if the
J sp wins , lead the 10 sp...*
- 5)Correct play : *Lead the 2 sp to the Q.
If the Q wins, lead the Ace sp.
Then lead the 4 sp to the J.*
- 6)Correct play : *Lead 2 sp to the J, if it wins,
go to dummy with the Ace diamonds and
lead the 3 sp to the Q, if it wins play the Ace sp.*
- 7)Correct play : *Lead a small sp to the Ace sp. Then play the K sp.*
- 8)Partner was right to be wary of your abilities. You released the Ace diamonds much too quickly. You should have held that Ace up for (probably) two rounds of diamonds in order to make it difficult for the declarer to access the dummy.
There isn't much one can say in defence of your play -perhaps (you will claim) that you won with the Ace on the 1st round in order to send partner's suit straight back ...hmmmm all very well BUT as partner led the 9 they were hardly likely to hold very good spades and there was no urgency to send their suit back.
- 9) No doubt *when* we lead trumps we will know which card to play BUT there is work to be done before drawing trumps.
We should play three rounds of diamonds and throw a losing heart, then draw trumps (by leading the 9 sp }.

10) Another old chestnut. Lead a trump.

Why ? Dummy is very likely to be short in spades { declarer has announced 5 sp and we have 4 good ones ourself}. Declarer will need to trump their long losing spades with dummy's trumps. Well they won't be able to if we have drawn dummy's trumps

11) We have dodged a bullet when the defenders failed to lead hearts .

The leader has led from 10 9 xx clubs no doubt.

We will win with the Ace clubs and take stock.

First draw trumps (finishing in dummy).

We have now left in clubs :

(declarers hand)

void

(dummy)

QJ

lead the Q clubs for a *ruffing finesse*.

If the King is played on the Q we trump and return to dummy to play the J (and throw a heart).

If the King isnt played on the Q we will throw a heart on it.

Contract made.